## MOVEMENT IN NORWICH

Three Troops Have Been Organized With 125 Members -Interest and Membership Growing and Effort Being Made for City Council-History of Scouting.

What Scouting Is.

Scouting is a vital force which develops the best there is in a lad by natural means.

Scouting is a training school for character and citizenship.

Scouting is founded on the idea of brotherhood of man to man. A good scout is not a snob.

What Scouting Is Not.

Scouting is not an impractical vision of a stiff-necked reformer.

Scouting is not a military order, from which to recruit soldiers. It teaches patriotism, not warfare.

Scouting is not primarily religious, atthough troops may elect a chaplain if they wish.

Scouting is not for a picked group of well-to-do boys but includes anybody willing to join the without regard to race, rank, creed or color.

Scouting is not a scheme for over training a few athletes to perform before their degenerate fellows. It encourages physical strength for all. its watchword is "Much good

Scruting is not a society to idol-ize puzilists because it places man-hood above mere physical strength

Scouting is not intended to en-courage a law-breaking gang, but directs action of the gang into paths of usefulness and value to

training school for character through the medium of the best influences obtainable. Scout activities include every form of ahtletic competition, camping and nature study, brotherly service whenever opportunity is afforded, love for the aesthetic and beautiful. In other words, a scout's life is full of practical education. As Ernest Thompson Seton says: "Something to do, something to think about something to enjoy in the woods, with a view always to character-building—for manhood, not scholarship, is the first aim of education."—Birch Bark Roll, 1964.

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Let us consider how it was possible to gather over half a million scouts, working hard in the United States, and the number fast increasing. The history of the world may be divided into two periods—organic or productive, and critical or non-productive. An example of the former may be seen during the dark ages, because the roots of what appeared to be a dead world were being richly fertilized to give strength to the great creations of the renaissance. A critical period may well be shown in the latter days of the Roman empire, when Imagination was dwarfed, morality blunted, and the vives of the east were predominant in the great city. It has been truly said, The bathhouse killed Rome."

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There are many evidences of a critical period in the world's history today Americans have lost much of the virility of their backwoods ancestors. The There is a great movement sweeping the world, the American phase being known as the Boy Scouts of America. After gaining a great impetus in

Chief Stanton. Troops 1 and 2 each possess a fast baseball nine, and Saturday afternoon likes are quite popular in all the troops. A summer camp is being projected for the cours. Troop 1 contains about 50 members, Troop 2 about 50 and Troop 3 35. Want It on City Basis, It is hoped some time in the near future to put the whole affair on a city basis, with a local scout-committee. In thit case a special committee round pass on all candidates, award special honors, etc. Meantime the scouts are plugging away toward the first class scout mark.

From the Top Down. The chief scout, who happens to be Ernest Thompson Seton of Cos Cob,



K. E. MORRISON. Scoutmaster, Troop 2.

Conn., is the head officer of all the bey scouts in the country.

Scout councils are formed in each state or large city, or section of a state, to supervise the work in its ter-

towns to advise with scoutmasters and others interested in boys. Troops containing three or more pa-

Patrols containing six to eight scouts-Scouts consisting of three kinds—first class, second class, and tenderfeet.

Requirements.

When a boy wishes to become a scout he is awarded the tenderfoot badge on the following conditions—he must be between the ages of 19 and 18; he must be able to the four standard knots; he must know the history of the United States flag; he must know the scout law and give the scout oath.

Before being admitted to the second class degree the requirements include a month's probation as a tenderfoot; a knowledge of first ald to the injured and bandaging; an elementary knowledge of signalling; tracking a mile in 25 minutes; cook a quarter of a pound of meat; lay and light a fire with not more than two matches; have a dollar in a savings bank; swalk a mile in 12 minutes (scout's pace—walk or run), and know the sixteen principal points of the compass.

For first class scoutskip one must be

minutes (scout's pace and know the sixteen principal points of the compass.

For first class scoutship one must be able to swim fifty yards, be somewhat of an oarsman, a good signaller, and several other good tests. In addition there are special honors, to the number of something over one hundred, which are awarded for bravery or for extraordinary knowledge, such as to name and know fifty wild birds, to know and name 25 of our native mosses, or to know and name 10 batrachians, etc.

The Scout Oath.

England, largely through the efforts of Sir Robert Baden-Powell, the idea of "scouting" was introduced into this country. The result has been that the boys have been so eagar to grasp and work cut the principles of the organization that the officers have had hard work to keep the veungaters in tow. And if one cares to look at the list of American citizens who are standing have of and urging on the movement, it is feund that practically every man of note in the country, from the chief executive down, are heart and soul and sponey in this great cause—to say a spone of the Boy Scouts.

to what social class he belongs. A scout must rever be a snob. A snob is one who looks down upon another because he is poorer, or who is poor and feels resentment toward another be-

5. A scout is couteous; that is, he is polite to all, but especially to women and children, old people, invalids, crip-ples, etc. He must not take any re-ward for being helpful or courteous. 6. A scout is a friend to animals. He

should save them as far as possible from pain, and should not kill any creature unnecessarily. The commoncreature unnecessarily. The common-est insects are God's creatures. Killing an animal for food is allowable.

7. A scout obeys orders of his par-ents, patrol leader, or scoutmaster, without question. This is discipline. (This one law has perhaps been crit-cited as much as all the cest rout.

icized as much as all the rest put to-gether. As heretofore explained, how-ever, the patrol loaders and scoutmas-ters are companions more than discitherefore wanted to counteract it if plinarians although in hearty favor of the law it has been aptly remarked, couraging and founding a military or-



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The Scout Oath.

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The scout law is divided into several important parts, and is really the creed or foundation of the acout society. In arief, the divisions are:

1. A scout is loval to the president, to his officers, to his parents, to his country, and to his employers.

Smith—Smith.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Smith of Walpole, Mass., there was a very precty wedding Tucsday afternoon, when their daughter, Miss Helen Campbell Smith, was united in marriage to Sydney Palmer Smith of Norwool, Mass, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Mr. George. The bride and groom were attended by Miss Ethel Smith, sister distinct of the groom.

The bride carried oride roses and her sister Marechel Niel roses. They entered the room to the strains of Mentered Carried or Marchell Niel roses.

1. A scout's honor is to be trusted.
2. A scout is leval to the president, to his officers, to his parents, to his country, and to his employers.
3. A scout's duty is to be useful and to help others. He must be prepared at any time to save life or to help injured persons. He must try his best to do a good turn to somebody every day.

4. A scout is a friend to-all, and a weight of the strain of the strains of Mendelysohns wedding march. Music was played softly during the ceremony. Only relatives were present. Mr. and Mrs. Smith left amid showers of confetti in a limousine for a short wedding journey, after which they will visit Mr. Smith's home in Norwich.

Wallingford.—Ground has been broken for the new building at Choate school to be erected at the top of the slope on the south campus.



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and money in this great cause—to say nothing of the hundreds of scout mas-ters the country over who are teaching practical scouteraft in the field.

What the Movement Is.

The Roy Scout idea is not military. It is not religious. It is not opposed to a single worthy organization for boys. It does not cater to any social class to color or to race. What, then, is the Boy Scout movement? It is a

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dences of decay in our civilization, and couraging and founding a military order. Very few of the world's great warriors fought because they loved war. Was it not General Crant who said "Let us have peace" Furthermore, Adjutant General Verbeck of the United Stotes army, who has been a national scout commissioner almost from the time the idea was introduced in America, gives the formation of Boy Soouts one of the primary reasons why the number of enlistments in our army is dropping off. In many troops the boys do not even so much as drill or march, for drilling is orly a mechanical way for an incompetent leader to secure discipline. The development of the gang spirit, with direction into channels of usefulness, character-building and honest competition, with the scoutmaster, and not a taskmaster—these are a few of the grand principles of scoutcraft. of scoutcraft.

Local Situation.

Regarding the local situation, there have thus far been three troops organized in Norwich on the order named—at the Second Congregational church, under Scoutmasters Wyckoff and Lit-cas; at the Trinity M. E. church, under Scoutmasters Elmer and Morrison, and at the Central Baptist church, under Scoutmasters Wright and (Messenger, Several other troops are in process of formation. The meetings are held in the basements of the above churches, in order to provide a convenient meetformation. The meetings are held in the basements of the above churches, in order to provide a convenient meeting place, and membership in the church is not required, and each troop hoasts of several denominations. Business meetings were usually held once a week the past winter, at which meetings examinations were held for various degrees of scouthood. Troop 2, at Trinity church, arranged a series of five practical talks, which were largely attended and preved very interesting, as follows: First Aid to the Injured, Dr. A. J. LaPierre, A. Kew Fish Siories, J. C. Menges: behavitants of fine Weeds, J. B. Station: Gamponaft and Nature, Remutasier K. E. Meerison, and Signs, Trailing and Signalling. Sentimester I. C. Eigner. It is planned to include even a longer list of talks for next winter. Troops 1 and 3 have also been favored with lectures of a similar nature by Dr.





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